(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this Direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b). New agreement is to be arrived at after completing the negotiations.

Brady Plan on foreign debt repayments

2964. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since given their consent to the implementation of Brady Plan on foreign debt repayments; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). The Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund at its meeting held on April 3-4, 1989 considered the proposals made by several countries—including that of the Secretary of the US Treasury Mr. Brady, designed to deal with the debt position and to place greater emphasis on debt and debt servic reduction. The Committee requested the Executive Board of the IMF to consider the issues and action involved in the proposals and also agreed that the Fund hould provide resources in appropriate mounts to members to facilitate debt reluction operations for countries undertaking sound economic reforms, by setting side a portion of the members purchases nder Fund supported Arrangements. Vhile welcoming the provision of additional funds by industrialised countries nd multilateral institutions to all developing countries especially low income countries, we have stressed the need for the ind to have an objective criteria for nding support to the member countries and to keep conditionality at an appropriate level. We have also stated that support for debt reduction programmes should not come in the way of normal operations of the Fund to support member countries in their balance of payments needs.

Reduction in the supply of Irrigation Water to West Bengal by the DVC

2965. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) has been reducing the supply of irrigation water to West Bengal for the last few years;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the quantity of water supplied from DVC to West Bengal during the last five years; yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a)and (b). Th releases from D.V.C. Reservoirs for irrigation in West Bengal are made under the guidance of Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation (DVRR) Committee on which the Govenment of West Bengal is also represented.

(c) Taking into account the available storage position, the DVRR Committee had allocated 476, 784, 653, 604 and 425 million cubic metres of water in 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 respectively.

Donations to political parties in India by the Agha Khan

2966. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether the Agha Khan who visited India earlier this year made any donations to any political party; if so, to whom and how much?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Under the Foeign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 political parties are not permitted to receive foreign contribution.

Extending of IRDP loans by UBI officials posted at Raniganj branch of West Dinajpur in West Bengal

2967. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aware that the bank officials of the United Bank of India, Raniganj branch in the district of West Dinajpur, West Bengal are discriminating in the matter of extending IRDP loans on the basis of political affiliation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what action is being taken against such officials who are responsible therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c). Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has not received any complaint against bank officials of United Bank of India, Ranigunj Branch in West Bengal regarding discrimination in the matter of extending IRDP loans on the basis of political affiliation. However, complaints against banks including those relating to nonfinancing under IRDP, as and when received, are taken up with the concerned banks for appropriate action. Corrective measures are taken by banks in respect of complaints, with a view to redress the grievances.

Evasion of customs duty by Bharat Krishak Samaj

2968. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to order an enquiry into the alleged evasion of customs duties and violation of foreign exchange regulations by Bharat Krishak Samaj; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a)and (b). Available reports do not indicate evasion of customs duty or violation of foreign exchange regulations by Bharat Krishak Samaj.

Convictions of persons arrested in Drug Smuggling

2969. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of acquittal and convictions of persons arrested in the drug smuggling cases in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras during 1988-89 and 1989-90 till date;

(b) what are the reasons for low percentage of convictions in smuggling cases; and

(c) what measures have been taken tc remove the shortcomings in the investigation process to secure maximum convictions in drug smuggling cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN TE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJI PANJA): (a) to (c). No separate dat in respect of convictions and acquitta in drug smuggling cases for the four me tropolitan cities is maintained. While system of quick reporting on seizure, a rest, etc., in the prescribed format h devised, reports from all enforceme agencies are not received. In the circu stances, information in respect of conv